

REMARKS

In this response, claim 1 has been canceled. Claims 2-21 have been added. Accordingly, claims 2-21 remain pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is hereby requested.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,692,504, issued to Essenpreis, et al. (herein "Essenpreis").

Applicant has cancelled claim 1 and added claims 2-21. Applicant respectfully submits that these new claims 2-21 are allowable over the prior art. Specifically, it is axiomatic that for a reference to be anticipatory, each and every feature in the claims must be disclosed by the single reference. Essenpreis does not anticipate the elements recited in currently pending claim 2 of "integrating the pixels to form an integrated value; and correlating the integrated value to a glucose level."

Applicant notes that dependent claims 3-21, by virtue of depending on independent claim 2, also contain the same elements. Therefore these claims are allowable for the same reasons as discussed above. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the § 102 rejection is overcome in view of the cancellations/amendments made to the claims and respectfully requests that the § 102 rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all

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claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

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